

Paucity of drinking water in Delhi

†1008. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a severe paucity of drinking water in Delhi State and from the view point of drinking water it falls under extreme crisis ridden State category;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Central Government have taken any steps to solve the drinking water problems in the capital as on date; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MALKEN): (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that the current requirement of potable water in Delhi is estimated at about 900 million gallons per day (mgd) against which there is a total availability of approximately 725 mgd. DJB has also informed that despite some reduced availability in some parts of city, potable drinking water is made available to the entire city.

(c) and (d) The DJB has reported that the measures taken to augment the water supply include:—

(i) The Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant has been commissioned.

(ii) Works to recycle the processed waste water from the existing water treatment plants at Haiderpur, Bhagirathi and Wazirabad are being undertaken.

(iii) Work of constructing parallel lined channel from Munak to Haiderpur has been taken up.

(iv) Works of installing meters on all the raw water and treated water mains has been started to deal with leakages and unauthorized tapings.

The DJB has also reported that a recent survey carried out by an agency has shown positive feed back from consumers on increased water availability, improved water quality as well as water pressure.

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